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CERTIFICATE OF NO APPEAL

DECISION:

GRAFTON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

879- Variance

PETITIONER:

Christopher Schonhoff

20 Brielle Road, North Grafton, MA 01536

OWNER:

Christopher Schonhoff

20 Brielle Road, North Grafton, MA 01536

DEED REFERENCE:

20 Brielle Road

Assessor's Map 53, Lot 117

Worcester District Registry of Deeds

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This is to certify that the Decision of the Grafton Zoning Board of Appeals for the construction of a shed on a pre-existing concrete pad on the property within the setback, 1.1' off the side setback, requesting a variance of 13.9' at property located at 20 Brielle Road, North Grafton. The Decision was duly recorded in the Town Clerks office on November 16, 2021 at 9:40 am.

No Notice of Appeal of the Decision was filed in this office within the twenty days next, the appeal period ending on December 6, 2021.

A true copy, ATTEST:

Kandy L. Lavallee, Town Clerk

Grafton, MA



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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS Town of Grafton BOARD OF APPEALS

2021/Case #879

VARIANCE

Decision of the Board of Appeals on the petition from CHRISTOPHER SCHONHOFF of 20 BRIELLE ROAD requesting that the Zoning Board of Appeals grant a VARIANCE:

FROM SECTION 3.2.3.2, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SHED ON A PRE-EXISTING CONCRETE PAD ON MY PROPERTY WITHIN THE SETBACK, 1.1' OFF THE SIDE SETBACK. REQUESTING A VARIANCE OF 13.9'.

At their duly held meeting on Thursday, November 4, 2021, the Zoning Board of Appeals took the following action:

Motion made by Mr. Yeomans and seconded by Clerk - Ms. Reed, that the Zoning Board of Appeals grant a VARIANCE to Christopher Schonhoff at 20 BRIELLE ROAD GRAFTON MA,

FROM SEC. 3.2.3.2 OF THE GRAFTON ZONING BY-LAW FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SHED ON A PRE-EXISTING CONCRETE PAD WITHIN THE SIDE SETBACK, 1.1' FROM THE PROPERTY LINE PER EXHIBIT A ATTACHED.

THE BOARD MAKES THE FOLLOWING FINDINGS:

- Finding 1: The parcel is located in the R8 Zoning District.
- Finding 2: The R8 Zoning District requires a 15' side yard setback.
- Finding 3: The lot has wetlands in the back that preclude a shed location there.
- Finding 4: The lot has a pre-existing, non-conforming concrete pad that was present before the current house was built.
- Finding 5: The pre-existing concrete pad sits 1.1' off the property line and within the side setback.
- Finding 6: Moving the shed to a different location would cause the homeowner to incur significant additional expense, including removal of the concrete pad and installation of a new concrete pad.
- Finding 7: Sheds are commonplace in residential neighborhood, including this neighborhood.

BASED ON FINDING 4, FINDING 5 AND FINDING 6. WE FIND A UNIQUE CONDITION INCIDENTAL TO THE LOT.

BASED ON FINDINGS 1 THROUGH 6, WE FIND A HARDSHIP EXISTS OWING TO THE UNIQUE CONDITIONS OF THE LOT.

BASED ON FINDING 7, WE FIND THAT A VARIANCE WOULD NOT DEROGATE FROM THE INTENT AND PURPOSE OF THE BY-LAW.

ON A ROLL CALL VOTE:

Brian Waller, Chairman: YES

Marianne Desrosiers, Vice Chairman: absent

Kay Reed, Clerk: YES

William Yeomans, Member: YES

William McCusker, Member: YES Mitali Biswas, Alternate Member: YES Peter Adams, Alternate Member:

Motion Passed: VARIANCE GRANTED

This decision is final except that any person who may be aggrieved by this decision has the right to appeal to the Superior Court in accordance with the provisions G.L.c.40A.

Brian Waller, Chairman

Kay Reed, Clerk

William Yeomans, Member

William McCusker, Member

Mitali Biswas, Alternate Member

A complete file of this case (Case #879/2021) is on file with the Town Clerk.

A true copy;

Attest:

Kandy L. Lavallee, Town Clerk

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